(b) if so, the main issues and problems identified in the workshop and details of the observations and suggestions made to resolve and tackle the same; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A 3 day workshop on Reducing Risk Taking Behaviour Related to Drug Abuse, HIV/AIDS and STD's among Street Children was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Welfare in December, 1996. The main issues and problems identified by the workshop included incidence of Drug Abuse amongst street children and their vulnerability to the risk of HIV/AIDS and STD's.

The recommendations of the workshop included increased advocacy and awareness of these issues, improved accessibility of street children to health care services and de-addiction centres and enhanced co-ordination between various agencies working for street children.

Recognising these issues and problems the Ministry will focus more attention on this target group through its ongoing scheme for welfare of street children and the scheme for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention.

Fake Certificates

5871. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased ot state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that fake Scheduled Caste Certificates are being openly prepared at village Azorpur-Karakat Panchayat in Jaunpur District.

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether some persons have also been elected in Panchayat election on the basis of fake certificates in Azorpur area Karakat Panchayat in Jaunpur district; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Reimbursement of Freight etc. chargee

5872. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the levy sugar price has been enhanced from Rs. 9.05 to Rs. 11.00 recently;

(b) if so, whether the reimbursement of freight, insurance, transport and handling charges have been included therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Government propose to reimbursement the same to the state agencies?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. The levy sugar price has been enhanced from Rs. 9.05 to Rs. 10.50 per kg. w.e.f. 10.2.1997.

(b) to (d) Reimbursement of interest, transport, handling charges etc. is included in the margins, for wholesalers/sub-wholesalers and retailers for distribution of levy sugar. Copies of guidelines for fixing the margins regarding indigenous levy sugar w.e.f. 1.4.1994 and from 1.4.1996 are given in Statements I and II attached.

Statement-I

Guidelines for Fixing Margins for Retailers/Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers of Indigenous Levy Sugar Applicable from 1.4.1994

Sl.No.	Item of Cost	Retailers	Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers
1	2	3	4
1.	Interest on capital	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for 15 days on retail levy price minus retailers margin.	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for one month to wholesalers and for 15 days to sub-whole-salers on the weighted average cost of levy sugar for the state.

1	2	3	4
			(The cost of levy sugar will include the ex-factory price of sugar, excise duty, cess, freight element where the mills are despatching the stocks of sugar on "freight paid" basis).
2.	Transportation charges	Either	Either
		(a) actual railway freight or	(a) actual railway freight or
		(b) actual transportation charges by road at the rate approved by the State Govt. limited to the rate of transportation charges approved by the FCI for transporting foodgrain in that State. Where the FCI's rates are not available, the Govt's rates may be allowed; limited to the actual railway freight. There FCI's rates and rail head is not there, State Govt. rates may be allowed.	(b) actual transportation charges by road at the rate approved by the State Govt. limited to the rate of transportation charges approved by the FCI, for transporting foodgrain in that State. Where the FCI's rates are not available the State Govts. rates be allowed, limited to the acutal railway freight. Where FCI's rates and rail head is not there, State Govt. rates may be allowed.
3.	Handling charges	Rs. 2.00 per qtl. for 2 operations at the rate of Re. 1 per operation	Re. 1 per operation
4.	Administrative charges	Rs. 4 per quintal	0.5% of the All-India average ex-factory price fixed for the season.
5.	Bank Commission	As per prevailing SBI's rates	As per prevailing SBI's rates
6.	Retailers Commission.	Rs. 2.10 per qtl.	-
7.	Realisation from empty gunny	70% of the value of the new 'A' Twill gunny bag.	-
8.	Storage/transit loss	Not admissible	0.25% on qty. moved by rail. Not admissible for movement by road.
9.	Storage charges	-	As per the prevailing rates of CWC/State Warehousing Corporation for sugar, whichever is less, for one month in the case of wholesalers and for 15 days in the case of sub-wholesalers.
10.	Weighment loss	.1% on the qnty. sold	-
11.	Entry tax/octroi/Insurance	Not reimburseable	Not reimburseable.

General norms applicable to both Retailers and Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers

1. Revision of margins	Every year, on rceipt of proposal from State Govts.
2. Date of effect to revised margins	From 1st April of the year. All proposals relating to revision of margins in respect of different States/UTs to be processed during period from Jan. to March every year.

Note: (i) Margin would be allowed only to two agencies other than FCI-i.e. wholesalers or sub-wholesalers and retailers.

(ii) Where handling charges have been added/included in transportation charges, separate handling charges, are not to be allowed.

Statement-II

Guidelines for Fixing Margins for Retailers/Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers of Indigenous Levy Sugar from 1.4.1996

Sl.No.	Item of Cost	Retailers	Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers
1.	Interest on capital	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for 15 days on retail levy price minus retailers margin.	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for one month to wholesalers and for 15 days to sub-whole-salers on the weighted average cost of levy sugar for the state. (The cost of levy sugar will include the ex-factory price of sugar, excise duty, cess, freight element where the mills are despatching the stocks of sugar on "freight paid" basis).
2.	Transportation charges	A flat rate of each state to be fixed on the basis of audited figures of expenditure duly approved by the State Government concerned, incurred for previous years.	A flat rate of each state to be fixed on the basis of audited figures of expenditure duly approved by the State Government concerned, incurred for previous years.
3.	Handling charges	Rs. 2.50 per quintal for 2 operations at the rate of Rs. 1.25 per operation.	Rs. 1.25 per operation
4.	Administrative charges	Rs. 5 per quintal	0.5% of the All-India average ex-factory price fixed for the season.
5.	Bank Commission	As per prevailing SBI's rate	As per prevailing SBI's rates
6.	Retailers Commission.	Rs. 2.50 per qtl.	-
7.	Realisation from empty gunny bag	50% of the value of the new 'A' Twill gunny bag.	-
8.	Storage/transit loss	Not admissible	0.25% on qty. moved by rail. Not admissible for movement by road.
9.	Storage charges	-	As per the prevailing rates of CWC/State Warehousing Corporation for sugar, whichever is less, for one month in the case of wholesalers and for 15 days in the case of sub-wholesalers.
10.	Weighment loss	.1% on the qnty. sold	-
11.	Entry tax/octroi/Insurance	Not reimburseable	Not reimburseable.

General norms applicable to both Retailers and Sub-Wholesalers/Wholesalers

1. Revision of margins	Every year, on receipt of proposal from State Govts.
2. Date of effect to revised margins	From 1st April of the year. All proposals relating to revision of margins in respect of different States/UTs to be processed during period from Jan. to March every year.

Note: (i) Margin would be allowed only to two agencies (other than FCI-i.e. wholesalers or sub-wholesalers and retailers.)

(ii) Where handling charges have been added/included in transportation charges, separate handling charges, are not to be allowed.